

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 38: WATERS AND NAVIGATION**  
**Chapter 3: PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF WATERS**

**§571. CORRUPTING WATERS FORBIDDEN**

**1. Prohibition.** A person may not:

A. Intentionally or knowingly poison, defile or in any way corrupt the water of any well, spring, brook, lake, pond, river or reservoir used for domestic drinking purposes; [2009, c. 550, §9 (NEW).]

B. Knowingly corrupt the sources of any public water supply, or the tributaries of those sources of supply, in a manner that affects the purity of the water supplied; [2009, c. 550, §9 (NEW).]

C. Knowingly defile waters identified in paragraphs A and B in any manner, whether the water is frozen or not; or [2009, c. 550, §9 (NEW).]

D. Put a carcass of any dead animal or other offensive material in waters identified in paragraphs A and B or on the ice of those waters. A person may place the carcass of a dead animal on the ice of a brook, great pond or river for purposes of coyote hunting as long as the carcass is removed before the ice supporting that carcass is gone. This paragraph does not authorize a person to enter the property owned by another person without the permission of the property owner. [2009, c. 550, §9 (NEW).]

[ 2009, c. 550, §9 (NEW) .]

**2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a Class A crime.

[ 2009, c. 550, §9 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1977, c. 696, §344 (RPR). 2009, c. 550, §9 (RPR).

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